



CLUB NEWS



CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

The Club will be organising a Christmas Get-together for members and their guests on Saturday December 12th at 8.00 pm at the IMPERIAL Hotel, SLIEMA. There will be food and an open bar at a cost of Euro 30, payment to be made preferably by cheque payable to Lions Club Sliema. Booring with Lion John Towell - email jat1331@botmail.com - phone 77220746.

FLASH BACK : Handing over of the Mediterranean Lions flag at the closing ceremony of the 18th Conference in Pescara earlier this



year. The conference in Malta will be held from 17th to 19th March and Club members are expected to give a helping hand. Get ready and roll up your sleeves to make the MALTA Conference a success.

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Lion Margaret Frendo reports: on Cultural Visit to Verdala Castle:

The November outing was held on the 1st when we visited Verdala Castle overlooking Buskett Gardens. This was built for Grand Master Hughes Loubenx de Verdalle in 1586 and extended and embellished by successive Grand Masters. The architect is probably Gerolomo Casar. In the castle ground are to be found, a chapel built by Grand Master Nicolas Cottoner stables for around thirty horses and the servants' quarters.



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We were guided around the castle by the resident guide, Twanny Mifsud. Greeting the visitor to the castle is a plaque in Latin saying "Let cares surrender to the place". On entering one finds the dining hall with its barrel-vaulted ceiling. The hall is embellished with frescoes depicting the important events in the life of Grand Master De Verdalle (1581-1595) by Filippo Paladini. Grand Master Verdala is the only Grand Master to be appointed a cardinal by the Pope. In fact the cardinal's hat features prominently on Verdala's coat-of-arms.

In one of the side rooms, adjoining the dining hall, there is a fresco featuring Governor Sir William Reed (1851-1858) and his daughter on horse back on the Notabile Road. >>> 3





Photo at left Lion Roberta Bentivoglio and Lion President Chris Borg Cardona after exchanging bannerettes. At right Lion Edward Zammit receiving the Lions pin from our Club President.

PEACE POSTER COMPETITION

The winning poster of the Peace Poster Competition (seen on page 7) was submitted by 12 year old Etienne Sciberras, a student of St. Elias College, Sta. Venera. This year there were a good number of entries.

Thanks to the Organising Sub-Committee chaired by Lion Louis Sciberras and the Education Department this competition has gained in popularity.

The winning poster has now been sent to Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oakbrook, Chicago, USA, where a panel of judges will select the winning poster and runners-up.

The actual presentation for the Malta competition will be held in due course. The date will be announced shortly.

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On the upper storey is another grand hall, also flanked by side rooms. This floor bears the coat-of-arms of Grand Master Antonio Manuel de Vilhena (1722-1736).

The castle has a fine collection of antique furniture and paintings. Gracing two corners are cabinets made of translucent Gozo Alabaster.

Verdala Castle is said to have its resident ghost in the form of a Blue Lady. She is reputed to be Cecile, a niece to Grand Master de Rohan. Cecile jumped out of the window after killing her lover who was being tortured.

After the visit the group proceeded to lunch at the L'Isle Adam Band Club in Rabat. The food was good and all those who ate rabbit said it was the best they had ever tasted. Lion Isabelle Micallef was responsible to organise the lunch.

19th MEDITERRANEAN LIONS CONFERENCE

Lions International Headquarters in Oakbrook have confirmed that the International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Immediate Past International President Joe Preston, who is also LCIF Foundation Chairperson and International First Vice President Bob Corlew will be attending the conference.

The two European International Directors and various present and past Governors from the Mediterranean littoral will be attending.

The present situation indicates that a big group of Italian Lions will be attending together with groups from Egypt (the 2017 hosts), Lebanon, Greece, Turkey, Spain and France.

As you know the conference is being organised by our club and LC St. Paul's Bay. It is a huge task but I am confident that all give a helping hand we will be proud at the end of the day.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AT CHARTER NIGHT

Four new members were inducted as Lions during the 41st Anniversary of Charter on November 7 which was held at the Palace Hotel, Sliema. These were Alexander Arena, Secretary, Lorna Farrugia, Maria Assad Beaney and Edward Zammit.

The induction ceremony was conducted by Zone Chairman Tom A. Restall together with Lion President Chris Borg Cardona and Membership Chairperson Vivienne Zammit. The new members were encouraged to participate in Club activities and to get involved in service activities organised by the Club. The Zone Chairman said he was pleased that Lions Club Sliema had increased its membership and augured that more public spirited persons would join the Club and be of service to the community.



Welcoming guests and Club members, Lion President Chris Borg Cardona said that it was a great pleasure for him to be President of the Club in this eventful year when the 19th Mediterranean Lions Conference was being held in Malta. He said several club members were involved in the organisation of this important conference

which will bring together many Lions from the Mediterranean littoral to Malta to discuss matters of common interest.

Guests at the enjoyable evening held at the Palace Hotel were Lion Martin Cheatle, President of LC Malta (Host); Lion Mary Anne Abela, President of LC Mdina and Lion Ronnie Cauchi, President of Lions Club St. Paul's Bay.

Photo above. Lion Lorraine Farrugia receiving the Certificate of Membership from Zone Chairman Lion Tom A. Restall.

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Photo at left Lion Secretary Alexander Arena receiving the Lions badge from President Chris Borg Cardona while at right Lion Maria Assad Beaney receiving her membership card from the President.

Also present at the Charter Anniversary were Lion Danilo and Paolo Gattola of LC Salerno Arecchi who are also members of our Club and Lion Roberta Bentivoglio who was the Leos Club President of Vibo Valentia who is currently a law student at the Malta University. Lion Roberta presented her Leo President bannerette and one of her home Club.

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